



House of Representatives

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Substitute House Bill No. 5519

House of Representatives, March 19, 2009

The Committee on Labor and Public Employees reported through REP. RYAN of the 139th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION PREMIUMS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE COMPANIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) On or before October 1, 2009, the
2 rating organization licensed pursuant to section 38a-672 of the general
3 statutes shall file with the Insurance Commissioner a method of
4 computing workers' compensation premiums which does not
5 discriminate against or penalize any municipal or volunteer
6 ambulance service solely because of the number of ambulances owned
7 by the municipal or volunteer ambulance service. Such method shall
8 be based solely upon ambulance usage and shall apply to workers'
9 compensation insurance policies issued or renewed on or after October
10 1, 2009. For purposes of this section, "municipal or volunteer
11 ambulance services" means a volunteer organization or municipality
12 licensed by the Commissioner of Public Health to transport patients.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

Effective date was changed from "October 1, 2009" to "from passage" to allow for required filing on or before October 1, 2009.

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 10 \$	FY 11 \$
Various Municipalities	Indeterminate	See Below	See Below

Explanation

The bill requires that the method of computing workers' compensation premiums does not discriminate against or penalize a municipal or volunteer ambulance service solely because of the number of ambulances it owns. The method must be based solely on ambulance usage.

This bill may result in a savings to certain municipalities if the new method for computing the workers' compensation insurance policy formula for municipal or volunteer ambulance services results in lower workers' compensation premiums.

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5519*****AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION PREMIUMS
AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE COMPANIES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the state-licensed workers' compensation risk rating organization to file with the insurance commissioner a method of computing workers' compensation premiums that does not discriminate against or penalize a municipal or volunteer ambulance service solely because of the number of ambulances it owns. The method must be based only upon "ambulance usage," which the bill does not define. It must apply to workers' compensation insurance policies issued or renewed on or after October 1, 2009.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage and applicable to policies issued or renewed on or after October 1, 2009.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 10 Nay 0 (03/05/2009)